

(b) whether the above Board has urged the Government to undertake early implementation of its long pending suggestions for amending the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 to enable the Board to function more effectively;

(c) if so, the broad features of these suggestions; and

(d) the steps have taken or propose to be taken by the Government to remove the various lacunae in the Act affecting the working of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Comprehensive amendments to the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 are presently under the consideration of Government. Suggestions for amendments received from several agencies including BIFR are being evaluated for consideration of their inclusion in the comprehensive amendments.

[Translation]

Closure of Hope Textile Mills, Indore

1578. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether BIFR have recommended the closure of the Hope Textile Mills located in Indore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in regard to the persons to be rendered jobless as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) The case of Hope Textile Mills, Indore, stands registered with BIFR. According to BIFR, the company was under winding up notice as on 30.6.91. But order has been reserved on account of stay order from Supreme Court.

(c) In view of (a) & (b) question does not arise.

[English]

Expansion of Container Freight Stations

1579. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have felt the need for the expansion of containerisation system;

(b) if so, the places or cities/towns identified therefor;

(c) whether container freight stations are proposed to be set up during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) M/s. Rail India Technical & Economic Services in their 'Perspective Plan for Development of containerisation in India' have identified 23 potential places for setting-up Inland Container Depots (ICDs) and 71 places for setting-up container Freight Stations (CFSs) in the horizon years 1989-90 to 1999-2000. Lists of these places are attached as Statements I & II respectively.